

## CHAPTER 124

# SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

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**124.01 PURPOSE.** The Ordinance is enacted to reduce the potential for situations where employees of certain businesses or persons utilizing the services of certain businesses are exposed to potential death and/or injury because of actions of people of criminal intent.

**124.02 DEFINITION.** As used in this chapter, “business” means an establishment which routinely remains open for business for some or all of the hours between seven o’clock (7:00) p.m. and seven o’clock (7:00) a.m. and which:

1. Is for retail sale of petroleum products and other supplies for motor vehicles, as well as for the retail sale of a variety of other items typically sold in grocery stores;
2. Regularly supplies lodging for paying guests; or
3. Is a financial institution’s automated teller machine or similar device which dispenses currency to a patron.

**124.03 SURVEILLANCE CAMERA REQUIRED.** Any business, as defined in Section 124.02, shall be equipped with a functioning surveillance camera during the hours the business is open, each day the business is open. The surveillance camera shall be positioned so as to record on video tape the image of all persons entering the business and/or all persons approaching within five feet of the cash register or automated teller machine. It must also be positioned to record the customer’s face, not the employee’s. Such camera must be positioned and focused in such a manner, and maintained in such a state so as to resolve facial characteristics to such a degree that such images thus captured can be readily recognizable to the viewer. All proposed installations and positioning of surveillance cameras shall be submitted in advance to the Asbury Police Department for determination and approval that the same meets the requirements set out in this chapter.

**124.04 RIGHTS OF INSPECTION.** Cameras shall be maintained in proper working order and positioned correctly at all times and shall be subject to inspection by the Police Chief.

**124.05 SURVEILLANCE CAMERA STANDARDS.** The surveillance camera required by Section 124.03 must be a color video camera that is of V.H.S. format only, and must be operating at all times during the designated time periods; provided, however, businesses operating black and white video surveillance cameras at the time the ordinance codified in this chapter was enacted may continue to use same. However, such black and white cameras, when replaced, must be brought in compliance with the standards required by this section. The video tape must be stored and not reused for a period of 30 days after recording, in case it is needed for evidentiary purposes. The tape may then be reused, but not more than 18 times, to prevent distortion. Nothing in this chapter prohibits any business from using additional security measures that it may deem appropriate.